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R. Hornung et al.) Examiner: Jessica Rossi
Application No.: 09/925,293) Art Unit: 1733
Filed: August 9, 2001)

For: **METHOD FOR FABRICATING AN INTEGRATED
MULTIPANE WINDOW SASH**

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**RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2003 in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Applicants elect **Species A** as defined by the Examiner. Species A is primarily illustrated in Figures 11-19. Claims 1-18, 23-25 and 39-42 read on Species A.

Within Species A, Applicants elect the following sub-species:

- Subspecies Ai, sub-species **Aix** (Claim 13; Figures 16-17);
- Subspecies Aii, sub-species **Aiiz** (Claim 17; Figures 12-14 and 17-18);
- Subspecies Aiii, sub-species **Aiiix** (Claim 23; Figures 17-18);
- Subspecies Aiv, sub-species **Aivy** (Claim 40; Figure 7).

Currently, Claim 1 is generic. It is Applicants' understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, subspecies and sub-species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

In view of the present election, the Examiner is requested to initially examine claims 1-14, 17, 23, and 40-42.

If there are any remaining issues that need to be addressed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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